

27. (Amended) A printing plate as claimed in claim 26, wherein the substrate comprises an anodized aluminum plate.

28. (Amended) A lithographic printing plate as claimed in claim 26, wherein the coating has a thickness of 1 to 3 microns.

29. (Amended) A lithographic printing plate, comprising:
an aluminum plate having a surface covered at least in part with a coating which coating is at least in part made photosensitive by inclusion of diazo compounds, wherein a part of said coating defines an image by insolubility of said image in a developer, wherein said insoluble image contains a higher concentration of alkaline materials than the soluble portion of said coating, and wherein said alkaline materials are responsible for changes in solubility of said coating.

30. (Amended) A printing plate as claimed in claim 29, wherein the substrate comprises an anodized aluminum plate.

31. (Amended) A lithographic printing plate as claimed in claim 29, wherein the coating has a thickness of 1 to 3 microns.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to better define the claimed invention and to better distinguish the claimed invention from the prior art. More particularly, dependent claims 26 and 29 have been amended to specify that the substrate comprises an aluminum plate. Support is found in the several working examples of the original application. Independent claims 26 and 29 also have been amended to specify that the alkaline materials are responsible for changes in solubility of the coating, i.e., in light of the Examiner's observations in the

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